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Project Learning Tree Workshop to be held on Friday, July 8 at Salamonie Lake

A Project Learning Tree for Early Childhood workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 8 at Salamonie Lake's interpretive and nature center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. This free workshop is geared for teachers and families to use with children ages 1 to 6. Participants will receive ideas, instructions and the guidebook, "Trees and Me," which contains hundreds of ideas for fun, easy-to-use, hands-on experiences to connect your children to nature, with a focus on trees and forests. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Eagles Theatre to present free movie Mondays

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will offer free movies at the Eagles Theatre every Monday from July 11 through Aug. 8. Showings will take place at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the main Eagles Theatre. Sensory-friendly showings will also be offered at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Ferguson Theatre, and feature lower audio and brighter lighting for safe and comfortable movement and enjoyment of the movie. The movie lineup includes Monday, July 11 - "The Mitchells vs. The Machines"; Monday, July 18 - "Tom & Jerry"; Monday, July 25 - "Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway"; Monday, Aug. 1 - "Scoob!"; and Monday, Aug. 8 - "Spirit Untamed." Full concession offerings will be available during the free movies including pizza, hot dogs, nachos, mozzarella sticks, pretzels, slushies, candy, popcorn and more. For

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Wabash celebrates the Fourth of July



ABOVE: Wabash's city fireworks display lit up the sky at dusk Monday, July 4. LEFT: The times for legal consumer fireworks discharges include 9 a.m. to midnight on holidays including Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and New Year's Eve. Fireworks may be discharged between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. on all other days.

Photos by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

ISP: Medical issue may have caused two-vehicle fatal crash

Marion man died at scene Thursday north of LaFontaine

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A medical issue may have been the cause of a two-vehicle fatal crash last week north of LaFontaine. At approximately 5:55 p.m. Thursday, June 30, officers from the Indiana State Police (ISP), the Wabash County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) and the LaFontaine Police Department responded to a two-vehicle crash on Indiana 15 near County Road 950 South, said ISP Public Information Officer Tony Slocum on Friday, July 1.

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Local DAR members attend 131st Continental Congress

Frances Slocum Chapter awarded American Spirit Magazine, Bronze Level Award for member subscriptions

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Last week, three members of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Wabash attended the 131st Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. More than 4,000 members of the DAR gathered last week in the nation's capital for the service organization's annual meeting, said communications manager Cara Hotz. In attendance were Frances Slocum Chapter regent Barbara Amiss, of Wabash; delegate Cheryl Lewis, of

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Probationary trooper assigned to ISP Peru Post

Adrianna Ward graduated from Peru High School in 2015, and IUK in 2020

STAFF REPORT

Recently, 21 probationary troopers from the 82nd Indiana State Police (ISP) Recruit Academy graduated at a ceremony held in Indianapolis, according to ISP Peru Post public information

officer Sgt. Tony Slocum.

One of the recent graduates, Adrianna Ward, was assigned to the ISP Peru Post.

"During her 23 weeks of academy training, she



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Beacon Credit Union kicks off its 11th annual Project Spotlight voting

STAFF REPORT

Beacon Credit Union's Project Spotlight will last through Sunday, July 31, according to community relations specialist Kelly Stuber.

"Everyone in the community is encouraged to vote for their favorite cause either online or in their local Beacon Member Center," said Stuber. "Each individ-

ual may vote once per day per community. After voting, the public may share to Facebook or Twitter to encourage others to vote for their favorite organization." Stuber said last year, Project Spotlight received over 60,000 votes in the one-month period. Nominations were taken earlier this spring via member center and online submissions. "Project Spotlight is a

program created by Beacon Credit Union with the hope that individuals and organizations would be inspired to reach out and serve those living and working around them," said Stuber. "There will be winners from all 13 communities where Beacon Credit Union has a full-service Member Center." Stuber said the project that

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IN BRIEF

Wabash County Board of Health to hold quarterly meeting

The Wabash County Board of Health will hold its quarterly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 12 at the Wabash County Courthouse EMA Room, 1 W. Hill St., according to Wabash County Health Department office manager and deputy registrar Kathy Lower.

For more information, call 260-563-0661, ext. 1248.

Ava Smith, of Wabash, graduates from Albion College

Ava Smith, of Wabash, recently graduated with a degree in kinesiology-exercise science with a minor in communication

studies from Albion College, according to a press release.

Ava Smith is the child of Michael Smith and Julianne Tiede-Smith, of Wabash, and is a graduate of Northfield High School.

Holcomb directs flags to be flown at half-staff

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has directed flags in the state of Indiana to be flown at half-staff “to honor and remember the victims of the horrific tragedy” in Highland Park, Illinois, according to press secretary Erin Murphy. Per President Joe Biden’s order, flags should be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset, Saturday, July 9. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their flags.

IUK salutes local May graduates

STAFF REPORT

A total of 340 Indiana University Kokomo (IUK) students earned degrees in May, according to a press release. The graduates represent 28 Indiana counties and six states. Wabash County students who earned degrees include:

- North Manchester**
- Halie Renee Wampler, Associate of Science in radiography.
- Roann**
- Spencer Blake Enyeart,

- Bachelor of Science in business.
- Wabash**
- Diana Paola Cubides Matallana, Master of Business Administration.
 - Cameron Scott Gibson, Bachelor of Science in hospitality and tourism.
 - Kaitlyn Elizabeth Jones, Bachelor of Science in business.
 - Taylor Brianne Kock, Bachelor of Science in nursing.
 - Miranda Mitchell, Master of Science in nursing.

- Kenda Marie Mullen, Bachelor of Science in public administration
- Makenna Jae Norman, Bachelor of Science in history and political science, Bachelor of Science in education.
- Morgan Brianne Owens, Bachelor of Science in nursing.
- Josie R. Phillipy, Bachelor of Science in education.
- Alicyn Sheets, Bachelor of Science in nursing.
- Hope Olivia Unger, Associate of Science in radiography.



Provided photo

The Honeywell House is located at 720 N. Wabash St.

Fitness, birthday tea and live music set for the Honeywell House

Popular perennial events among offerings in July

STAFF REPORT

When it’s hot outside, enjoy some cool fun and entertainment at the beautiful Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St., with an eclectic selection of popular offerings, said Honeywell Arts & Entertainment digital marketing specialist Kaitlynn Still.

■ Intense Fitness and Performance – 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12: “Jenna Halderman, owner and CEO of Intense Fitness and Performance, shares her passion for exer-

cise and a healthy lifestyle in this free educational presentation. Join us to learn how to optimize athletic performance and physical fitness through enhanced functional training,” said Still.

■ Mrs. Honeywell’s Birthday Tea – 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21: “A ‘low tea’ luncheon and fashion show are set in honor of Mrs. Honeywell’s birthday. The Francis Shoppe will provide the fashions, with a lunch of tea sandwiches, sweets and pastries made by the Honeywell House’s David Ericsson,” said Still. Tickets are \$25, which includes tax and gratuity. To purchase tickets to Mrs. Honeywell’s Birthday Tea, call 260-563-1102 or visit

www.honeywellarts.org.

■ Chanticleer String Quartet – 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28: “Honeywell House favorites, the Chanticleer String Quartet, returns this summer with guest pianist William Foster McDaniel. The program will include a Haydn quartet, an excerpt from the Elgar piano quintet, a jazzy piece composed by McDaniel, and a medley of Duke Ellington’s greatest hits,” said Still. The event is sponsored by Beacon Trust Services.

Still said most of the events are free to the public, but due to limited seating, reservations are required. Reserve your spot now by calling 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

NATO nations sign accession protocols for Sweden, Finland

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The 30 NATO allies signed off on the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland on Tuesday, sending the membership bids of the two nations to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals – and possible political trouble in Turkey.

The move further increases Russia’s strategic isolation in the wake of its invasion of neighboring Ukraine in February and military struggles there since.

“This is truly a historic moment for Finland, for Sweden and for NATO,” the head of the alliance, Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, said.

The 30 ambassadors and permanent representatives formally approved decisions made at a NATO summit in Madrid last week, when the leaders of member nations invited Russia’s neighbor Finland and Scandinavian partner Sweden to join the military club.

Securing parliamentary approval for the new members in Turkey, however, could still pose a problem even though Sweden, Finland and Turkey reached a memorandum of understanding at the Madrid summit.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned that Ankara could block the process if the two countries failed to grant Turkey’s demands for the extradition of people it views as terror suspects. The people wanted in Turkey have links to outlawed Kurdish groups or the network of an exiled cleric accused of a failed 2016 coup in Turkey.

He said Turkey’s Parliament could refuse to ratify the deal. It is a potent threat since NATO accession must be formally approved by all 30 member states, which gives each a blocking right.

Stoltenberg said he expected no change of heart. “There were security concerns that needed to be addressed. And we did what we always do at

NATO. We found common ground,” he said.






The Russian invasion of Ukraine has given the process added urgency. It will ensnare the two nations in the Western military alliance and give NATO more clout, especially in the face of Moscow’s military threat.

“We will be even stronger and our people will be even safer as we face the biggest security crisis in decades,” Stoltenberg said.

At a news conference, the foreign ministers of Sweden and Finland were asked whether the memorandum specified people who would have to be extradited to Turkey. Both ministers said no such list was part of the agreement.





“We will honor the memorandum fully. There is, of course, no lists or anything like that in the memorandum, but what we will do is to have better cooperation when it comes to terrorists,” Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde said.

5-Day Weather Summary

 <p>Wednesday Scattered T-storms 90 / 72</p>	 <p>Thursday Few Showers 92 / 73</p>	 <p>Friday Few Showers 85 / 67</p>	 <p>Saturday Few Showers 83 / 61</p>	 <p>Sunday Sunny 81 / 62</p>
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:13 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:22 a.m.

 <p>First 7/6</p>	 <p>Full 7/13</p>	 <p>Last 7/20</p>	 <p>New 7/28</p>
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 91°, humidity of 68%. South southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. The heat index for today could reach up to 95°. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 72°.

Police: 3 shot to death at block party in Gary

GARY — Gunfire during a July Fourth block party in northwestern Indiana left three people dead and seven wounded early Tuesday, police said.

The shooting happened in a residential neighborhood of Gary, Indiana, about 12:45 a.m. and officers who responded found three peo-

ple down and unresponsive, city police Lt. Dawn Westerfield said.

The wounded were taken to hospitals, Westerfield said. Authorities have released no information on the severity of their injuries.

Westerfield said investigators are trying to determine the circumstances of the

shooting, including whether more than one shooter was involved.

The Lake County coroner’s office said those killed included a 20-year-old woman from Olympia Fields, Illinois; a 26-year-old man from Lafayette, Indiana; and a 25-year-old man from Merrillville, Indiana.

Police: Gunman fired 70 plus rounds at July 4 parade, 7 dead

By MICHAEL TARM, KATHLEEN FOODY and STEPHEN GROVES
Associated Press

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — The gunman who attacked an Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago fired more than 70 rounds with an AR-15-style gun that killed at least seven people, then evaded initial capture by dressing as a woman and blending into the fleeing crowd, police said Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Lake County Major Crime Task Force told a news conference that the suspected shooter, who was arrested late Monday, used a high-powered rifle “similar to an AR-15” to spray bullets from atop a commercial building into a crowd that had gathered for the parade in Highland Park. The affluent community of about 30,000 on the Lake Michigan shore includes mansions and sprawling waterfront estates.

Authorities also reported the death of a seventh person. More than 30 others were wounded in the attack, which task force spokesman Christopher Covelli said the suspect had planned for several weeks.

Investigators who have interrogated the suspect and reviewed his social media posts have not determined a motive for the attack or found any indication that he targeted anyone by race, religion or other protected status, Covelli said.

Authorities have not filed criminal charges.

Earlier in the day, FBI agents peeked into trash cans and under picnic blankets as they searched for more evidence at the site where the assailant opened fire. The shots were initially mistaken for fireworks before hundreds of revelers

fled in terror.

A day later, baby strollers, lawn chairs and other items left behind by panicked parade goers remained inside a wide police perimeter. Outside the police tape, some residents drove up to collect blankets and chairs they abandoned.

David Shapiro, 47, said the spray of gunfire quickly turned the parade into “chaos.”

“People didn’t know right away where the gunfire was coming from, whether the gunman was in front or behind you chasing you,” he said Tuesday as he retrieved a stroller and lawn chairs.

The shooting was just the latest to shatter the rituals of American life. Schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its founding and the bonds that still hold it together.

“It definitely hits a lot harder when it’s not only your hometown but it’s also right in front of you,” resident Ron Tuazon said as he and a friend returned to the parade route Monday evening to retrieve chairs, blankets and a child’s bike that his family abandoned when the shooting began.

“It’s commonplace now,” Tuazon said. “We don’t blink any more. Until laws change, it’s going to be more of the same.”

A police officer pulled over Robert E. Crimo III north of the shooting scene several hours after police released his photo and warned that he was likely armed and dangerous, Highland Park Police Chief Lou Jogmen said.

Authorities initially said Crimo, whose father once ran for mayor of Highland

Park, was 22, but an FBI bulletin and Crimo’s social media said he was 21.

The shooting occurred at a spot on the parade route where many residents had staked out prime viewing points early in the day.

Among them was Nicolas Toledo, who was visiting his family in Illinois from Mexico. He was shot and died at the scene, his granddaughter, Xochil Toledo, told the Chicago Sun-Times. Also killed was Jacki Sundheim, a lifelong congregant and “beloved” staff member at nearby North Shore Congregation Israel, which announced her death on its website.

Police have not released details about the victims, but Toledo’s granddaughter told the Sun-Times that Toledo had spent most of his life in Morelos, Mexico. Xochil Toledo said she remembers looking over at her grandfather, who was in his late 70s, as a band passed them.


“He was so happy,” she said. “Happy to be living in the moment.”

Xochil Toledo said her father tried to shield her grandfather and was shot in the arm. Her boyfriend also was shot in the back and taken to a hospital.

Sundheim had spent decades on the staff at North Shore Congregation Israel, teaching at the congregation’s preschool and later coordinating events, “all of this with tireless dedication,” the congregation said in its statement announcing her death.

“Jacki’s work, kindness and warmth touched us all,” the statement said.

NorthShore University HealthSystem said it treated 39 people at four of its hospitals after the shooting. Nine people, ranging from 14 to 70, remained hospitalized Tuesday.



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Obituaries

As ‘Run 3’ begins, CERN touts discovery of exotic particles

GENEVA (AP) — The physics lab that’s home to the world’s largest atom smasher announced on Tuesday the observation of three new “exotic particles” that could provide clues about the force that binds subatomic particles together.

The observation of a new type of pentaquark and the first duo of tetraquarks at CERN, the Geneva-area home to the Large Hadron Collider, offers a new angle to assess the “strong force” that holds together the nuclei of atoms.

Most exotic hadrons, which are subatomic particles, are made up of two or three elemental particles known as quarks. The strong force is one of four forces known in the universe, along with the “weak force” — which applies to the decay of particles — as well as the electromagnetic force and gravity.

The announcement comes amid a flurry of activity this week at CERN: Also Tuesday, the LHC’s underground ring of superconducting magnets that propel infinitesimal particles along a 17-mile circuit and at near light speed, began smashing them together again. Data from the collisions is snapped up by high-tech detectors along the circular path.

The so-called “Run 3” of collisions, ending a three-year pause for maintenance and other checks, is operating at an unprecedented energy of 13.6 trillion electronvolts, which will offer the prospect of new discoveries in particle physics.

CERN scientists hailed a smooth start to what is expected to be nearly four years of operation in “Run 3” — the third time the LHC has carried out collisions since its debut in 2008.

A day earlier, CERN celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the confirmation of the Higgs boson, the subatomic particle that has a central place in the so-called Standard Model that explains the basics of particle physics.



Ukrainian servicemen strengthen trenches on their position near the frontline in Kharkiv region, Ukraine, Tuesday.

Andrii Marienko / AP

Ukrainian governor urges evacuation of 350,000 residents

By **FRANCESCA EBEL**
Associated Press

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine — The governor of the last remaining eastern province partly under Ukraine’s control urged his more than 350,000 residents to flee as Russia escalated its offensive and air alerts were issued across nearly the entire country.

Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said that getting people out of Donetsk province is necessary to save lives and enable the Ukrainian army better to defend towns from the Russian advance.

“The destiny of the whole country will be decided by the Donetsk region,” Kyrylenko told reporters in Kramatorsk, the province’s administrative center and home to the Ukrainian military’s regional headquarters.

“Once there are less people, we will be able to concentrate more on our enemy and perform our main tasks,” Kyrylenko said.

The governor’s call for residents to leave appeared to represent one of the biggest suggested evacuations of the war, although it’s unclear whether people will be willing and safely able to flee. According to the U.N. refugee agency, more than 7.1 million Ukrainians are estimated to be displaced within Ukraine, and more than 4.8 million refugees left the country since Russia’s invasion started Feb. 24.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said air alerts were issued Tuesday night in nearly all of the country, in many places after a long period of relative calm during which people searched for an explanation.

“You should not look for logic in the actions of terrorists,” Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address. “The Russian army does not take any breaks. It has one task — to take people’s lives, to intimidate people — so that even a few days without an air alarm already feel like part of the terror.”

Much of the military ac-

tivity appeared concentrated in Ukraine’s east. The Kramatorsk governor said that because they house critical infrastructure such as water filtration plants, Russia’s main targets are now his city and a city 10 miles to the north, Sloviansk. Kyrylenko described the shelling as “very chaotic” without “a specific target ... only to destroy civilian infrastructure and residential areas.”

Sloviansk also came under sustained bombardment Tuesday. Mayor Vadim Lyakh said on Facebook that “massive shelling” pummeled Sloviansk, which had a population of about 107,000 before Russian invaded Ukraine more than four months ago. The mayor, who urged residents hours earlier to evacuate, advised them to take cover in shelters.

At least one person was killed and seven were wounded Tuesday, Lyakh said. He said the city’s central market and several districts came under attack, adding that authorities were assessing the extent of the damage.

The barrage targeting Sloviansk indicated Russian forces were advancing farther into Ukraine’s Donbas region, a mostly Russian-speaking industrial area where the country’s most experienced soldiers are concentrated.

Sloviansk has previously taken rocket and artillery fire during Russia’s war in Ukraine, but the bombardment picked up in recent days after Moscow took the last major city in neighboring Luhansk province, Lyakh said.

“It’s important to evacuate as many people as possible,” he warned Tuesday morning, adding that shelling damaged 40 houses on Monday.

The Ukrainian military withdrew its troops Sunday from the city of Lysychansk to keep them from being surrounded. Russia’s defense minister and Putin said the city’s subsequent capture put Moscow in control of all of Luhansk, one of two provinces that make up the Donbas,

but the regional governor said Tuesday that fighting was continuing on Lysychansk’s outskirts. He said Russian forces were moving weaponry to Donetsk.

The question now is whether Russia can muster enough strength to complete its seizure of the Donbas by taking Donetsk province, too. Putin acknowledged Monday that Russian troops who fought in Luhansk need to “take some rest and beef up their combat capability.”

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Tuesday that Moscow’s main priorities are “preserving the lives and health” of its troops and “excluding the threat to the security of civilians.”

When Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine more than four months ago, his stated goals were defending the people of the Donbas against Kyiv’s alleged aggression, and the “demilitarization” and “denazification” of Ukraine.

Pro-Russia separatists have fought Ukrainian forces and controlled much of the Donbas for eight years. Before the invasion this year, Putin recognized the independence of the two self-proclaimed separatist republics in the region. He also sought to portray the tactics of Ukrainian forces and the government as akin to Nazi Germany’s, claims for which no evidence has emerged.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian military said Russian forces also shelled several Donetsk towns and villages around Sloviansk in the past day but were repelled as they tried to advance toward a town about 12 miles to the city’s north. South of the city, Russian forces were trying to push toward two more towns and shelling areas near Kramatorsk.

Meanwhile, Moscow-installed officials in Ukraine’s southern Kherson region on Tuesday announced the formation of a new regional government, with a former Russian official at the helm.

Sergei Yeliseyev, the head of the new Moscow-backed

government in Kherson, is a former deputy prime minister of Russia’s western exclave of Kaliningrad and also used to work at Russia’s Federal Security Service, or the FSB, according to media reports.

It wasn’t immediately clear what would become of the “military-civic administration” the Kremlin installed earlier. The administration’s head, Vladimir Saldo, said in a Telegram statement that the new government was “not a temporary, not a military, not some kind of interim administration, but a proper governing body.”

“The fact that not just Kherson residents, but Russian officials, too, are part of this government speaks clearly about the direction the Kherson region is headed in the future,” he said. “This direction is to Russia.”

Kherson’s Russia-installed administration previously stated plans for the region to become part of Russia, either through a referendum or other means.

There was no immediate comment from Ukrainian officials.

In other developments:

■ The 30 NATO allies signed off on the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland, sending the two nations’ membership bids to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals. The move further increases Russia’s strategic isolation. Alliance Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg hailed the signing as a “truly a historic moment for Finland, for Sweden and for NATO.”

■ The war in Ukraine has drawn millions of dollars away from countries facing other crises. Somalia, suffering a food shortage largely driven by the war, may be the most vulnerable. Its aid funding is less than half of last year’s level while overwhelmingly Western donors have sent more than \$1.7 billion to respond to the war in Europe. Yemen, Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Congo and the Palestinian territories are similarly affected.

Beverly Sue Burton

Jan. 25, 1951 – July 1, 2022

Beverly Sue Burton, 71, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 2:16 pm, Friday, July 1, 2022, at her home. She was born on January 25, 1951, in Wabash, to Donald L., Sr. and Elizabeth Jane (Hamilton) Bennett.

Sue was a 1969 graduate of Wabash High School. She married James Burton at the Middle Street Wesleyan Church, in Wabash, on June 7, 1969. She worked for Wabash Community Service at the skating rink for 20 years. Sue was a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church and the Doris Blake Circle of the church. She was a baton instructor for the Wabash Vetettes, a Girl Scout leader, and the ring leader for all the neighborhood shenanigans. Sue loved her family, kids, and grandkids.

She is survived by her husband, James Burton of Wabash; four children, Angel (John) Hostetler, Aaron Burton, Amanda (Dale) McCord, and Andrew (Heather) Burton, all of Wabash; grandchildren, Nicholas (Megan) Hostetler, and Devin Hostetler, both of Wabash, Austin (Alyssa Villareal) Hostetler of Jackson, Michigan, Mason Hostetler, Sarah Burton, Kassidy Burton, Jaci (Andrew Gwizdala) Gahl, AJ McCord, and Alexis Burton, all of Wabash, Madison DeBoard of Logansport, Indiana, Greyson DeBoard, Ashtyn Burton, and Dallas



Burton, all of Wabash; two great-grandchildren, Liam Burton and Emery Burton, both of Wabash; brother, James (Margie) Bennett of North Manchester, Indiana, and her sister, Elizabeth Ann (Lewis) Hershman of Columbia City, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson Kaemon Burton, and brother Donald Bennett Jr.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, July 11, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastors John Cook and Heather Olson-Bunnell officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-6 pm Sunday, July 10, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Youth Bowling Association. The memorial guest book for Sue may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Sandra Sue Renz

Sandra Sue Renz, 79, North Manchester, passed away on June 30, 2022 at Enville Healthcare of Huntington in Huntington, Indiana. T

She is survived by her sons, Larry (Priscilla) Case, and Tom (Peggy) Sickafus; daughter, Teresa (John) Reed, and several grandchildren.

Family and friends gathered Tuesday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services were held at the conclusion of calling at 11:00 a.m. at McKee Mortuary. Pastor J.P. Freeman officiated. Burial was at St. Johns Cemetery, ½ mile west of Bippus, Indiana on county road 800 North.

Barbara Jo Bahney

Nov. 15, 1937 – July 4, 2022

Barbara Jo Bahney, 84, of rural Macy, Indiana passed surrounded by family at her home on Monday, July 4, 2022.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Friday, July 8, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Rev. Wayne Balmer.

The interment will take place following the service

in the Gilead Cemetery, Gilead, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be from 3 pm to 6 pm, Thursday, July 7, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

CDC: Florida ice cream possible source of listeria outbreak

MIAMI (AP) — The estate of an Illinois woman who died earlier this year from a listeria infection filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday against a Florida ice cream company that health officials have connected to a multistate outbreak.

The lawsuit filed in the Middle District of Florida claims that Mary Billman died after eating contaminated ice cream produced by Sarasota-based Big Olaf Creamery. According to the lawsuit, Billman ate at a Big Olaf location on Jan. 18 during a visit to Florida. She became ill and died Jan. 29.

Online court records didn’t list an attorney for Big Olaf who could comment about the lawsuit. The company released a statement Sunday saying that the link between its ice cream and the listeria outbreak has not been confirmed and is only speculation at this point. The company has been working with state and federal health officials since being informed about the possible contamination, the statement said.

“We have been transparent and have answered all their questions and provided them with all the information requested from us, as the health and well being of the public is

our first priority,” the Big Olaf Creamery statement said.

Big Olaf Creamery has voluntarily contacted retail locations to recommend against selling their ice cream products, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Saturday in a news release. Consumers who have Big Olaf Creamery brand ice cream at home should throw away any remaining product, officials said.

Listeria is a deadly bacteria that causes symptoms like fever, muscle aches, nausea and diarrhea. It can be treated with antibiotics, but it is especially dangerous to pregnant women, newborns, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems.

CDC officials say nearly all the 23 people known to have been infected in the outbreak either live in, or traveled to, Florida about a month before they got sick. Big Olaf Creamery’s ice cream is produced at a central facility in Sarasota and then distributed to Big Olaf Creamery stores and other retailers.

Listeria is one of the most dangerous forms of food poisoning. Symptoms usually start one to four weeks after eating contaminated food, but can start as soon as the same day.

Judge won't block law banning most Mississippi abortions

By **EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS, ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE and KEVIN MCGILL**
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — As attorneys argued about abortion laws across the South on Tuesday, a Mississippi judge rejected a request by the state’s only abortion clinic to temporarily block a law that would ban most abortions.

Without other developments in the clinic’s lawsuit, the clinic will close at the end of business Wednesday and the state law will take effect Thursday.

Mississippi legislators passed the “trigger” law before the U.S. Supreme Court recently overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. The clinic, Jackson Women’s Health Organization, sought a temporary restraining order that would have allowed it to remain open while the lawsuit played out in court.

The closely watched lawsuit was part of a flurry of activity nationwide since the Supreme Court ruled. Conservative states have moved to halt or limit abortions while others have sought to ensure abortion rights, all as some women try to obtain the medical procedure against the changing legal landscape.

Florida’s new 15-week abortion ban was blocked but then quickly reinstated Tuesday after an appeal from the state attorney general in a lawsuit challenging the restriction. Judge John C. Cooper issued the order

temporarily halting the law after reproductive health providers argued that the state constitution guarantees a right to the procedure. The state quickly appealed his order, automatically putting the law back into effect.

The Florida law makes exceptions if the procedure is necessary to save the pregnant woman’s life, prevent serious injury or if the fetus has a fatal abnormality. It does not allow for exemptions for pregnancies caused by rape, incest or human trafficking.

The law, which went into effect Friday, was passed by the GOP-controlled legislature and signed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis this spring.

In Louisiana, the state attorney general has asked the state Supreme Court to allow enforcement of a ban on most abortions. Louisiana’s anti-abortion statutes include so-called triggers that were designed to instantly take effect if the U.S. Supreme Court were to reverse abortion rights. But a state judge in New Orleans last week blocked enforcement of the law pending a court hearing on a lawsuit filed by a north Louisiana abortion clinic and others.

The Louisiana lawsuit says the law is unclear on when the ban takes effect and on medical exceptions to the ban. Tuesday’s filing by the attorney general’s office says the order blocking enforcement should be dissolved.

Mississippi was one of several states with a “trig-

ger” law contingent on the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade. The law was passed in 2007 and has never been challenged in court. It says abortion will be legal only if the pregnant woman’s life is in danger or if a pregnancy is caused by a rape reported to law enforcement. It does not have an exception for pregnancies caused by incest.

The clinic’s lawsuit cited a 1998 Mississippi Supreme Court ruling that said the state constitution invokes a right to privacy that “includes an implied right to choose whether or not to have an abortion.”

The state attorney general’s office argued that the 1998 ruling was rooted in U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 1973 and 1992 that established or protected abortion rights but were overturned on June 24. But Rob McDuff, an attorney for the clinic, argued that state justices never said their ruling was made because of the federal Constitution.

“They never said it would evaporate if Roe was ever overruled,” McDuff said in court Tuesday.

The state attorney general’s office said the Mississippi Constitution does not recognize a right to abortion and the state has a long history of restricting the procedure.

“In the past two weeks, the state of the law has changed dramatically,” the state solicitor general, Scott Stewart, argued Tuesday in court.

The lawsuit was filed three days after the Supreme Court

overturned Roe v. Wade in a case that originated in Mississippi. The clinic had continued to see patients, but owner Diane Derzis said it will close if the near-ban on abortions takes effect.

Chancery Judge Debbra K. Halford on Tuesday rejected the clinic’s request to block the new state law from taking effect Thursday.

“The plain wording of the Mississippi Constitution does not mention abortion,” Halford wrote. She added that it is “more than doubtful” that the Mississippi Supreme Court would continue to uphold its 1998 ruling now that the U.S. Supreme Court has overturned its own previous abortion rulings.

McDuff told The Associated Press that clinic attorneys will review Halford’s decision and consider whether to appeal it to the state Supreme Court.

Outside the courthouse Tuesday in Mississippi’s capital city, several women held signs supporting abortion rights while two men took turns using a microphone to tell abortion rights supporters that God would punish them for eternity.

“You’re bloodthirsty. Bloodthirsty, abominable filth in the eyes of God,” said one of the anti-abortion protesters, Allen Siders.

“Consider your ways today, sinners. Consider your ways today. Shame on you.”

An abortion-rights supporter performed an improvised dance in front of Siders to mock him, and several women laughed.

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received over 600 hours of classroom instruction and nearly 500 hours of hands-on practical scenario-based training,” said Slocum. “Some of the training included criminal and traffic law, crash investigations, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms, and a host of

other subjects related to modern policing. She will be assigned to train with veteran troopers for the next 13 weeks before being released on solo patrol.”

Ward is a Miami County native and a 2015 graduate of Peru High School. She is also a 2020 graduate of Indiana University Kokomo (IUK), earning a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

For more information, visit indianatrooper.com.

SPOTLIGHT

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receives the most votes, in each community, will receive \$1,000 from Beacon Credit Union. The second place will receive \$500 and there will be a third place in each community randomly picked to receive \$250. The total amount of money donated to charitable

organizations by Beacon Credit Union through Project Spotlight will be \$22,750.

“For the past 91 years Beacon Credit Union is proud to be part of all of the communities we serve and are enthusiastic about joining other organizations committed to Hoosiers and their communities,” said Stuber.

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Carmel; and member Nan Roe.

“The week-long convention, which was projected to draw the largest attendance in the organization’s history, consisted of business sessions, committee meetings and social functions, in addition to formal evening ceremonies that honored national award winners and featured outstanding keynote speakers,” said Hotz.

“This year’s convention was the first in-person gathering in three years after the 2020 and 2021 editions were conducted virtually due to the pandemic.”

During the event, the Frances Slocum Chapter received the American Spirit Magazine, Bronze Level Award for chapter member subscriptions to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) magazine.

“Chapter members attended many social events like the Indiana Tea, as well as informative business sessions and forums and formal evening events,” said Hotz.

Hotz said the Opening Night Ceremony on Wednesday, June 29 featured speakers including U.S. Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro, who was honored with the DAR Americanism Medal; and philanthropist and business leader David Rubenstein, who was presented the DAR Medal of Honor. The Historic Preservation Night Ceremony on Friday, July 1 honored former archivist of the U.S. David Ferriero, among others; and the National Defense Night Ceremony on Saturday, July 2 featured keynote remarks by American Battle Monuments Commission deputy secretary Robert Dalessandro.

“I am both proud and excited to welcome our members back to our DAR Headquarters, especially so that they may experience the grandeur of DAR Constitution Hall following its massive \$15 million restorations,” said DAR president general Denise Doring Van Buren. “We have so much to celebrate, with more than 35,000 new members

welcomed and 14 million hours of community service provided since we last gathered for our congress in person back in 2019. It is a pleasure to see our members return to our complex and to our nation’s capital for the first time in three years. We will together rejoice in our vibrant mission of service, fulfilling our joyful obligations to the memory of our ancestors.”

Hotz said other national awards were presented throughout the week to “outstanding honorees” exhibiting excellence in historic preservation, education and patriotism.

“The DAR Continental Congress is a time-honored annual event that has been held in Washington, D.C. since the organization’s founding,” said Hotz. “Members from across the country and around the world gather at the DAR National Headquarters to report on the year’s work, honor outstanding award recipients, plan future initiatives and reconnect with friends.”

The monthly meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR took place on Saturday, June 11 at the Braves Breakfast and Grill.

The 121st State Conference recognized the chapter with a gold award in Membership Recruitment and a bronze award for Best Chapter Report. The chapter also received the National President General’s Project Award for Rise and Shine for America.

The next meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter will be Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Grandstaff-Hentgen, 1241 Manchester Ave. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineage descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may contact www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

For more information, visit www.dar.org.

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AP-NORC POLL

Many won't rely on virtual options after COVID

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WASHINGTON — Many Americans don’t expect to rely on the digital services that became commonplace during the pandemic after COVID-19 subsides, according to a new poll, even as many think it’s a good thing if those options remain available in the future.

Close to half or more of U.S. adults say they are not likely to attend virtual activities, receive virtual health care, have groceries delivered or use curbside pickup after the coronavirus pandemic is over, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Less than 3 in 10 say they’re very likely to use any of those options at least some of the time.

Still, close to half also say it would be a good thing if virtual options for health care, for community events and for activities like fitness classes or religious services continue after the pandemic.

“Rather than this either-or, I think we’re more likely to be facing a hybrid future,” said Donna Hoffman, director of the Center for the Connected Consumer at the George Washington School of Business. “People have found convenience in some of these virtual options that just makes sense, and they don’t necessarily have anything to do with like keeping you safe or the pandemic even though they came of age during the pandemic.”

Digital daily routines became the default in 2020 as the nation reacted to the rapidly spreading virus, which prompted lockdowns, closed schools and

shuttered businesses. Some substitutions, like online shopping and video conference calling, already existed. Others were reimaged or popularized during the pandemic.

Either way, Hoffman said, there was “rapid” deployment and adoption of virtual services. It was a question of “how are we going to make this work?” she said.

Cornelius Hairston said his family took precautions throughout the pandemic because his wife is a first responder in the health care field.

“We tried to stay in as much as we could and only come out for essentials,” said Hairston, 40, who recently moved to Roanoke, Virginia.

Hairston joked that his twin 4-year-old boys are “COVID babies” who didn’t even go to a grocery store for much of their young lives. The family used delivery services almost exclusively to avoid venturing out to crowded stores. But going forward, he only expects to use them “from time to time.”

For Angie Lowe, the convenience of telemedicine and time saved was reason enough to do it again even though she and her husband returned to doing things in public more than a year ago.

Lowe had her first telemedicine appointment early in the pandemic when feeling “lonely” and “stuck at home” kept her from sleeping well. She was able to talk with the doctor without having to take extra time off of work to drive to and wait in a medical center.

“It was my first telemedicine appointment, but it won’t be my last,” said Lowe, 48, of Sterling, Illi-

nois. “If I can do it, I’m going to do it.”

For many, though, drawbacks outweigh the benefits of relying on digital services in the future. Adults age 50 or older are especially likely to say they are not planning to use the virtual options asked about on the poll going forward, even though many were introduced during the pandemic to protect the at-risk population.

Despite feeling antsy about COVID-19 and infection rates in Phoenix, Tony Di-Giovane, 71, said he found curbside pickup at grocery stores and restaurants to be more hassle than they’re worth.

“By the time I picked up the stuff, I needed more stuff,” he said of his grocery orders, and “something’s always missing or wrong” on takeout orders.

Karen Stewart, 63, recognizes the benefits of video calls, but she’s also found them to be limiting. That’s the case in her job organizing after school programming for kids. She also now sees some of her doctors online, one who provides virtual care almost exclusively and another who uses virtual care in between office visits.

She likes that she doesn’t have to drive, but it means a doctor or nurse can’t take her vitals or be “hands on” in her care. It was “scary,” for example, when all of her appointments in the lead-up to a surgery were online, she said.

“When I do that they they can’t take my blood pressure, my pulse. There’s things that a doctor might pick up on that they can’t see online,” said Stewart of Perris, California.

The pandemic created

an opportunity to balance in-person and virtual services to support the physical and mental health of older adults, said Alycia Bayne, a principal research scientist at NORC. That “could be particularly beneficial to older adults with different health issues, mobility limitations, people who lack transportation options, people who do not have or live near a robust social networks like family and friends to lean on,” she said.

Still, there remain limitations with technology access, broadband access and digital literacy, which Bayne said may help explain why the poll finds older adults less likely to use digital services after the pandemic.

Despite the age gap on use of services, similar percentages of adults across ages say it’s a good thing for virtual options for health care, for community events and meetings and for activities to continue after the pandemic.

“They recognize the benefits of virtual services, but they’re also ready to start getting back to their pre-pandemic routines,” she said. “The silver lining, of course, is that these services are now available.”

CRASH

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Slocum said Daniel Kellogg, 68, of Marion, was pronounced dead at the crash scene.

“It is suspected he had a medical issue prior to the crash,” said Slocum. “An autopsy will be performed.”

Slocum said the preliminary investigation by ISP Senior Trooper Jeremy Perez and ISP Trooper Abby Russell revealed that Kel-

logg was driving a 2006 Chevrolet southbound on Indiana 15.

Slocum said a 2004 Pontiac driven by Staci Brechbiel, 53, of Marion, was rear-ended “multiple times” by Chevrolet.

Slocum said these collisions caused the Pontiac to travel off the east side of Indiana 15 near County Road 900 South, coming to rest after traveling up an earth embankment.

Slocum said the Chevrolet continued southbound

before traveling off the east side of Indiana 15 and rolling multiple times near County Road 950 South.

Slocum said Brechbiel was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Slocum said the crash is still under investigation.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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Honeywell's Themed Art Competition winners are on display through Monday, July 11

The 2022 Themed Art Competition exhibit is on display through Monday, July 11 in the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center. The exhibit features more than 40 works of art by 21 artists, with all pieces featuring a theme of “Upside Down.” For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for Monday, July 11

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, July 11, at Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Reena Ramos will share about ACRES Land Trust, a member-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting natural and working lands in northeast Indiana and portions of southern Michigan and northwest Ohio. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. The main dish, pulled pork, is provided by Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services. A donation will be accepted to help defray costs. Seating is limited. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/UpperWabash](https://www.facebook.com/UpperWabash), <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 27 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and at noon Wednesday, July 13 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, [classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182](https://www.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182) or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Kids Farm Trolley Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced the release of a new interactive and education-focused trolley tour geared toward children. The Kids Farm Trolley Tour will take place on Saturday, July 16. This all-inclusive tour is limited to 34 people and the cost per ticket is \$25. Pick-up locations and times for this tour are 9 a.m. at the Welcome Center in Wabash and at 9:30 a.m. at the Center for History in North Manchester. The tour concludes at 12:30 p.m. The tour will make its way to the Animal Grams homestead where tour participants will interact with the animals raised for the family-owned petting zoo. From chickens to goats, mini pigs and reindeer, children will learn about what it takes to raise and care for each of the animals. The second stop on the tour is Penrod's Dairy Farm. Trolley riders will milk a jersey cow by hand, tour a working dairy farm, and end their day with a hayride around the property. The tour includes kid-friendly refreshments from Bailey's Pizza Parlor. Most of the tour requires walking on uneven ground. Please wear close-toed shoes or boots. The tour is rain or shine. For more information, visit visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours.

Grow Wabash County to co-host the 4th Annual Japan-Northeast Indiana Summit

Grow Wabash County (GWC) will once again be partnering with the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and the Japanese American Society of Indiana (JASI) to host the 4th Annual Japan-Northeast Indiana Summit. This year's summit will be hosted from 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at Eagles Theatre, 106 W. Market St. Admission to this summit is free of charge, but registration is required as space is limited. The primary focus of this year's summit will be the predicted trends of electric vehicles and how these trends will inform future relations between northeast Indiana and Japan. Speakers will also discuss the increasing need for a skilled workforce, the understanding of American and Japanese management styles as well as how northeast Indiana can continue to support Japanese-owned companies in the region. Consul-General Hiroshi Tajima, will also attend the summit to present remarks, but a full list of speakers and a detailed agenda will be announced in early July ahead of the event. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/2022japansummit or email sarah@growwabashcounty.com.

Salamonie Preschool offers ‘F is for Frog’ on July 20

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's “F is for Frog” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 20 at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class. What food do frogs eat and who are they food for? Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or [facebook.com/upperwabash](https://www.facebook.com/upperwabash).

NMHS, Shepherd's Center sponsoring a September trip to southern Indiana

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) and Shepherd's Center are sponsoring a trip from Sept. 6 to 8 to southern Indiana. They will visit Indiana Caverns, Zimmerman Art Glass Demonstration, Turtle Run Winery, Derby Dinner Playhouse and Show, Santa Claus Museum and Abe Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, “with free time and shopping in Nashville on the way home.” Several spots are remaining for this trip. The deadline for final payment is July 20. The trip includes two-nights lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners and all tips and taxes. Luggage handling and motorcoach transportation is also included. The cost is \$499 per person for double occupancy and \$615 for single occupancy. For more information, write to 314 Sunset Dr., North Manchester, IN 46962; email bernievicki@gmail.com or call 260-982-8734.

32nd Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant set for July 22

The 32nd Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant will be held Friday, July 22, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. On Nov. 12, the newly-crowned queen will compete in the Indiana State Festival Scholarship Pageant in Greenfield, where she will have a chance to win even more scholarship money. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Wabash County Scholarship Pageant, 73 W. Sheridan St., Wabash, IN 46992. Please mark your check “Scholarship Pageant.” The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so all donations are tax-deductible.

Grow Wabash County's ribbon-cutting ceremony for Summit Pain Management rescheduled

Grow Wabash County will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially welcome Dr. Jared Coffman and the Summit Pain Management team to the Wabash County business community. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was originally

scheduled for Monday, June 20, but has been rescheduled for noon Monday, July 25 at 1025 Manchester Ave. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Local schools announce summer meal programs

Manchester Community Schools (MCS) will be serving meals this summer to those aged 18 years and younger. At Manchester Elementary School (MES), meals will be served Mondays through Thursdays through July 14, except for July 4, at 301 S. River Road, North Manchester. Breakfast will be served at MES from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m., and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At Manchester High School (MHS), lunch will be served Mondays through Thursdays through June 30. No breakfast will be served at MHS, but lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All meals must be eaten on-site each day.

Wabash City Schools (WCS) summer food program will last Mondays through Fridays through July 22 and will be closed from July 4 to 8, unless otherwise noted. Wabash Middle School (WMS) will serve breakfast from 7:45 to 9 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 150 Colerain St. At the South Side Fire Station, no breakfast will be served, but lunch will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. at 1470 Vernon St. At First Friends Early Learning Ministry, no breakfast will be served, but lunch will be served from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at 110 N. Cass St. At Access Youth Center, no breakfast will be served, but supper will be served from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 74 W. Canal St.

YMCA announces summer meal program

The Wabash County YMCA has announced meals will be served Mondays through Fridays in June and July, except for July 4. At the Wabash County YMCA, breakfast will be served from 8 to 9 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 500 S. Cass St. At the Wabash City Park and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 800 W. Hill St. For more information, visit www.wabashcountyymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountyymca.org.

Tickets are now on sale for Bluegrass at Hopewell

Visit Wabash County has announced the return of the Bluegrass at Hopewell live music event to take place on Saturday, July 30. Tickets may be purchased online or in person. The event offers two ticket options. Lawn and lower-level tickets can be purchased for \$20 each and guests are asked to bring their lawn chair or blanket to sit on. The ticket price includes entry into the event, Trolley No. 85 rides to and from the Antique Boutique at Hopewell and a gourmet pretzel tasting. Tables of eight on the upper level can be purchased for \$275 and include entry into the event, a gift basket with wine and drink vouchers from hosting sponsor Market Street Grill, turnovers and cookies from Bailey's Pizza Parlor, bottled water and an invitation to the after-party at the 950 Speakeasy & Bistro in Lagro. Children age 10 and under are free but are required to have a ticket. The event will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at the Rustic Barn at Hopewell, 2238 N. 500 East, Urbana. This year's event will feature live music on both upper and lower levels of the Rustic Barn at Hopewell and at the Antique Boutique at Hopewell. Along with Branded Bluegrass, other musical acts include, Brad McCord, The Rock Bottom Boys, Caleb Hawkins, Bahlers Golden Age and the return of Cornfields and Crossroads. New this year will be a bourbon tasting provided by Market Street Grill. For \$5, paid at the time of the tasting, bourbon enthusiasts will have the opportunity to select three bourbons from an extensive list and learn about what differentiates them from one another. Poole's Meat Market will be onsite offering country-style meals and non-alcoholic beverages and Market Street Grill will offer two full-menu bars. Outside food and drinks are prohibited

at the event. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-7171.

ACRES Land Trust to host the annual Summer Creek Stomp at Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run

On Aug. 13, ACRES Land Trust will host its annual Summer Creek Stomp for ACRES members at Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run, 1866 E. Baumbauer Road. Participants will make their way through the cliffs and waterfalls at the Ross Run gorge. It's an opportunity to splash in the creek and get a close look at the creek's minnows, pinching crayfish and fossils. Walking in the creek is only permitted during sanctioned events in cooperation with neighbors. Hernandez said an annual ACRES Land Trust membership is \$20 per household. For more information, visit acreslandtrust.org.

State Chemist's Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program coming in August

The Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC) Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program will be open on several dates and locations locally. This is a great way for farmers, public and private schools, agricultural dealers, nurseries, golf courses, cities, towns, municipalities, county units of government and others to dispose of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened or just unwanted pesticides – including weed killers, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides and miticides – for free for up to 250 pounds per participant. The drop-off time is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Ceres Solutions, 2025 S Wabash St., Wabash; Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Bartholomew County Solid Waste District, 720 S. Mapleton St., Columbus; Thursday, Aug. 18 at Daviess County Highway Department, 5247 E. 100 North, Montgomery; Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Davis Purdue Ag Center, 6230 Indiana 1, Farmland; Wednesday, Aug. 24 at Co-Alliance, 403 Highway 30 #9308, Valparaiso; and Thursday, Aug. 25 at Hendricks County Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Visit the OISC website to download the participant form at oisc.purdue.edu or email cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu to have a participant form emailed. Those wanting to participate are required to complete and submit the participant form by mail, email or fax by Friday, Aug. 5. Then, bring your labeled, leak-free and safe to transport containers to the collection site. Do not mix materials. In case of an emergency, you should bring with you a list of products you are carrying and a contact phone number. For more information, call 765-494-1585.

City to co-host housing fair

A newly-planned development at the former site of Parkview Wabash Hospital will be the subject of an event in August. A Housing Fair for Legacy Heights will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. Hoosier Homes, Club 720, builders, Realtors, lenders and the community will be invited to the event. Madison Morrison, of the Housing Resource Hub, said they wanted to provide “home buyer tools that are available to the people of Wabash.” For more information, visit www.cityofwabash.com.

Wabash County YMCA offers free youth summer memberships thanks to a grant

The Wabash County YMCA is the recipient of a 2022 Duke Energy Foundation Grant, providing free two-month youth summer memberships. This grant gives full facility access, membership rates on programs, Honeywell Pool summer access and more. Limited memberships are available, and current members may qualify for this grant. For more information, call 260-563-9622. To learn more about the Wabash County

YMCA and Wabash County YMCA job offerings, visit www.wabashcountyymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountyymca.org. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.wabashcountyymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountyymca.org.

Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon set for Saturday, Sept. 10

The official Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon (MMT) will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. To register or for more information about the MMT visit <https://tinyurl.com/3fsmth54> or email mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market returns for its 15th season

Downtown Wabash is now seeking vendors to register for the market's 15th season. The 2022 Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon through Sept. 24 at 275 W. Market St. Vendor registration is available in drop-in, half-season and full-season schedules. Drop-in registration is \$15 per weekend. Half-season registration is \$115 for 10 weeks, from May 14 through July 16; and from July 23 through Sept. 24. Full-season registration is \$200 for 20 weeks from May 14 through Sept. 24. To register for this year's market, visit DowntownWabash.org/vendor, email carly@downtownwabash.org or call 260-563-0975.

Money Smart Program to be held at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA Lunch and Learn Program is free for the community and is to last from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesdays on the third Tuesday of every month, through Jan. 17, 2023 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. The program Participation is limited to 14 guests. Register by calling 260-563-9622 or emailing jthibos@wabashcountyymca.org. Participants will receive a free lunch on behalf of Crossroads Bank and will have the opportunity to learn about financial management. Topics include credit reports and scores, buying a home, how to budget, managing debt and more. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit www.wabashcountyymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountyymca.org. Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at www.wabashcountyymca.org/jobs. To make a tax-deductible donation “to support the Y's cause of strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility,” visit www.wabashcountyymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountyymca.org.

Stillwater Hospice needs volunteers to sit with the dying

Stillwater Hospice needs volunteers to sit with the dying, including those in Wabash County. They currently have over 115 volunteers but would like to expand the number of individuals who would like to spend time with patients to help support the caregivers of

patients. For more information, visit www.stillwater-hospice.org or call 260-435-3222.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group available at YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the new Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group in conjunction with Bickford Senior Living held at the YMCA. Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group is free to the public and will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Caregivers and family members will share, support, and learn together as they care for a loved one with memory loss. For more information, email brobinson@wabashcountyymca.org, pgodfroy@wabashcountyymca.org or wabashlec@bickfordseniorliving.com or visit www.wabashcountyymca.org.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

The Mom of an Addict support group meeting in Wabash County

The Mom of an Addict, an organization offering education and support to families who have been affected by a loved one's substance use disorder, is adding an in-person meeting location in Wabash County, according to founder and director Jennifer Hope. The new meetings will be held weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. At the free support group meetings, parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, children and friends will find others who understand what they are going through with their loved ones. The meetings have an educational component for the first 30 minutes, and the next hour is spent in small group sharing settings. The educational component addresses many topics associated with addiction, such as the science of the disease of addiction, different types of drugs, enabling, detaching with love, setting healthy boundaries, types of treatment available, communication with our child, self-care, co-occurring disorders, relapse and ending the stigma. There will be guest speakers from time to time to address other specific topics. The meeting is open, and whether a loved one is currently using, is in recovery, is incarcerated or is deceased, everyone is encouraged to attend. Additional in-person and online meeting locations can be found by clicking on the Support Groups tab by visiting www.themomofanaddict.org.

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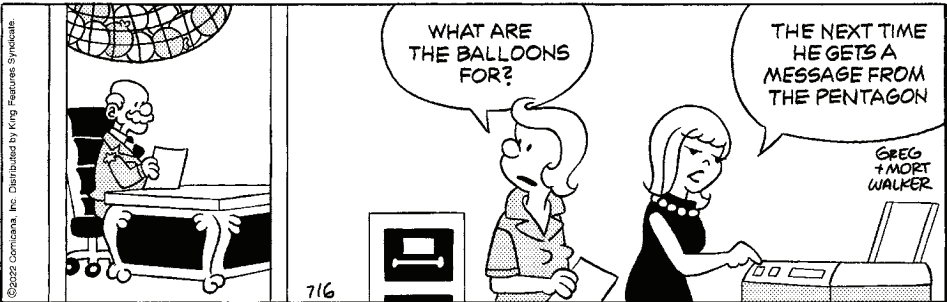
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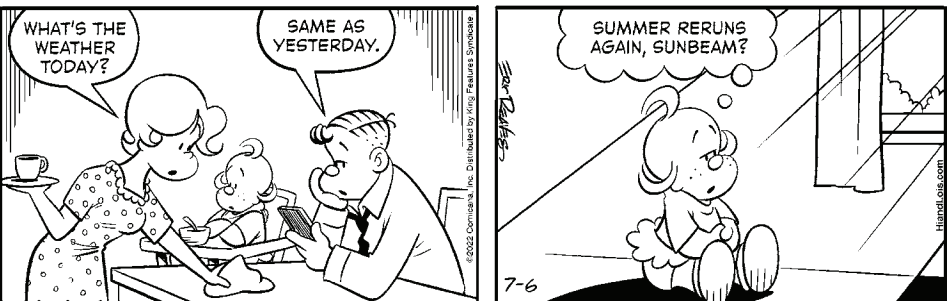
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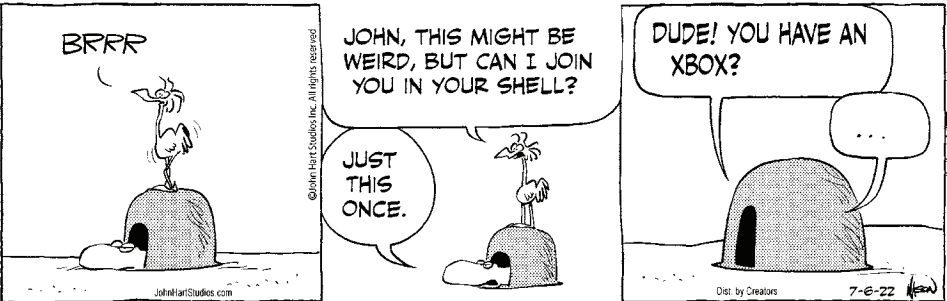
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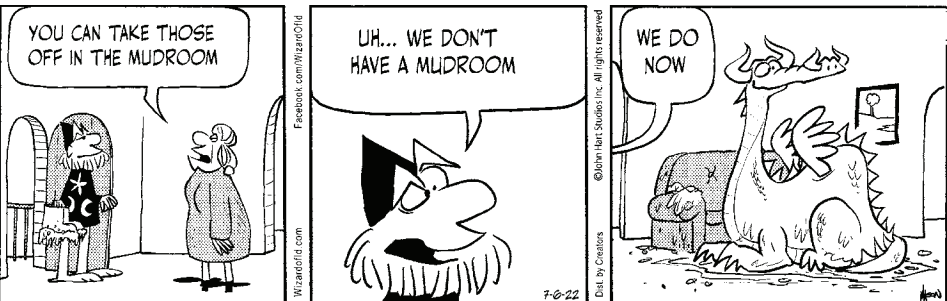
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

Today's solution

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6	8	9	9	1	8	4	2	2
7	2	6	9	9	2	8	1	8
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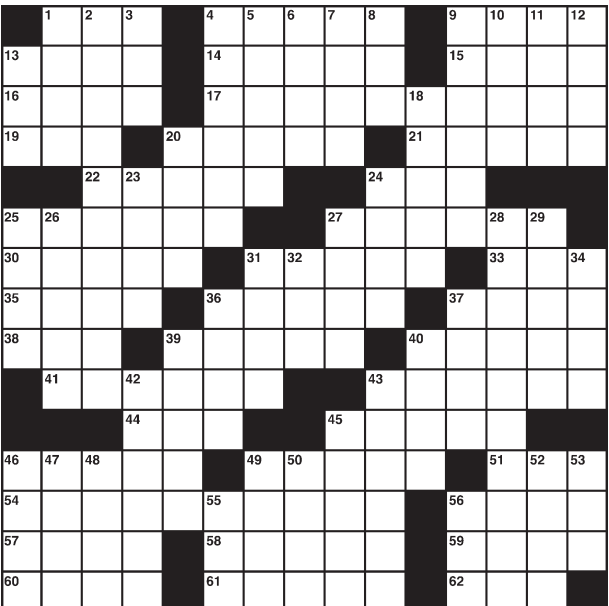
THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Fawn bearer
- 4 "Get lost!"
- 9 Congressional statutes
- 13 Amethysts & emeralds
- 14 Pumpkin pie spice
- 15 Dog tormentor
- 16 Sautéing receptacles
- 17 Nonstop
- 19 "Baba and the Forty Thieves"
- 20 Belfry sounds
- 21 Rapids transports
- 22 Not as colorful
- 24 Adder's result
- 25 Old Japanese ruler
- 27 Loathe
- 30 Tribal pole
- 31 One of Jacob's 12 sons
- 33 Tic __; breath mint
- 35 Gobsmacked
- 36 Fit for a king
- 37 Family member
- 38 Flour container
- 39 Actress Bates
- 40 Clementine's dad, by trade
- 41 Moral standards
- 43 Various
- 44 "Miss"; southern college
- 45 Outperforms
- 46 Kareem
- 49 Strong string
- 51 Digit
- 54 Record of a court trial
- 56 Do as told
- 57 Not harsh
- 58 Refueling ship
- 59 Woes
- 60 Observes
- 61 Warm spicy drink
- 62 __ as a fox

DOWN

- 1 Good buy
- 2 All-powerful
- 3 Nineteenth letter
- 4 Window covering
- 5 Transparent



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Today's solution

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Family member needs non-binary primer

DEAR AMY: My daughter (22 years old) came out as a non-binary last year, and I fully supported them (we use them/their pronouns now). They've been a lot happier since coming out.

They prefer to use their middle name (let's say "Max") instead of their first name ("Suzy").

The problem now is that my religious sister (who lives in another country) is coming into town for a visit.

I told my sister about "Max" a while back and she obviously is not very happy about it (not my problem). In our on-line chats, she keeps referring to Max using their previous name, "Suzy." Whenever she does that, I will reply in ways such as: "Oh yes, Max is very glad that..." I don't want her visit to be a disaster, nor do I want to listen to her quote from the Bible, etc. Since my sister doesn't live in this country, Max hasn't seen her for a long time. I haven't told Max about their aunt's refusal to call them "Max."

How should I handle this? — Anxious Mom

DEAR AMY: Non-binary does not refer to sexuality, but to gender. I'm not aware that the Bible addresses this aspect of being human (but I assume that readers will correct me).

If you accept that gender occurs along a continuum marked by two genders on either end of the spectrum: Female/Male, then it makes sense that a percentage of

humans would identify as neither completely male nor completely female — but as "non-binary." Again — this gender identification is separate from the issue of a person's sexuality.

Let's stipulate that even after you explain this, your sister might find it confusing. But even the most confused or gender-denying person can understand it when someone changes their name. Your sister would no doubt respect a name change if "Max" got married and took a spouse's surname.

You should tell her: "Please refer to 'Max' as 'Max.' That's their name." If she forgets, remind her. And yes, give Max a heads-up. Max can decide how little they wish to care about your sister's views, and I suggest that you carry on, whistling past your sister's nonsense until her visit ends. As you rightly point out, this is "not your problem."

I recently watched an informative and compassionate TED talk primer on the topic of growing up non-binary. I highly recommend that you send a link to your sister: "Walking through the world non-binary," by Jesse Lueck, which is available on YouTube.

DEAR AMY: I am a married woman, and I'm 60 years old. My husband and I have not had sex in over two years. I keep hearing about people in their 60s having so much fun and sex.

My husband takes blood pressure medication and this has been hard on our sex life.

Here is the thing: A former friend of mine has been communicating with me via Facebook. He and I have been

flirting with each other, but we live in different cities.

He has told me that he wishes I was not married because he would come to town and sweep me off my feet. He is so funny and caring and we talk via FB Messenger a lot.

I think about having sex with him all the time, and he says the same thing. Is that wrong? What am I to do? — Anxiously Awaiting

DEAR AWAITING: I'm sorry you are experiencing this challenge in your marriage. Is your constant communication with this other person and the sharing of thoughts and fantasies wrong? How would you feel if you were impaired or ill, and your husband did what you are doing?

Fantasy can be wonderful and life-affirming. You should not deny yourself that! You might even be able to take some of this energy back to your marriage. But this relationship presents a fairly slippery slope for you, and has started to interfere with your emotional connection with your husband. Be aware.

DEAR AMY: "Childless NOT by Choice" was a young woman who had changed her mind about having children.

When I was 42 I started dating a 29-year-old man. I told him upfront, very early in our relationship, that I didn't want children. He decided that he was OK with it.

Several years later, he changed his mind and ended our relationship.

I remember thinking: "What was I thinking, asking a 29-year-old man to make that kind of decision?"

I should've known better! — Childless by Choice

DEAR CHILDLESS: This is a very understanding response.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might feel an urge to shake things up, but without a plan, this could create too much unpredictability. Someone's lack of attention may cause you to doubt their loyalty, in turn causing that person to doubt yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Dwelling on your own limitations or on past mistakes can be counterproductive. Show people you can be independent and open-minded. You may receive a great deal of attention for original ideas and quick thinking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Clean the slate. If you've made a social blunder, step up by making sincere amends. You may find it difficult to concentrate on satisfying your romantic desires or to make a firm financial commitment today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be motivated to go to extremes to obtain your dreams. You may attract too much attention and want to please all the people all the time. Stick to your plan or you may promise more than you

can fulfill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may enjoy networking and being part of a group, but don't lose sight of what is important to your individual happiness. You may feel most comfortable when surrounded by those you know you can trust implicitly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Being conscientious about handling the tiniest details could pay off. Concentrate on providing precise responses when questions are asked. Be truthful and analyze and learn from any mistakes from the past that resurface now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Making impulsive changes could cause unexpected reactions. Constant companionship may not be achievable or even beneficial. You can be fixated on being the center of attention while a loved one's mind is elsewhere.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may want to spend more time being creative and original, but you could be waylaid by a desire for more precision. Use a finely tuned eye for detail to add some finishing touches to an existing project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Something may be going on behind the scenes; make sure you're aware of any activities that could affect the outcome of one of your pet projects. Stick to your plans and try to achieve your most essential goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Hold out for the top of the line. It might be better to wait until you can afford the best than to settle for something that is less than your envious. Your good taste may be off now, and your people skills may be evolving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Bring what warmth you can; it is possible that someone might mistake your reserve for a lack of sensitivity toward their feelings. Do your best to be gentle and transparent and avoid judgment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You could be too kindhearted for your own good. Some casual acquaintance might consider you an easy mark if you are too easily moved by their sad stories. Do not make impetuous purchases and donations.

Opinion

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Matthew 5:9

Uvalde was an ‘abject failure,’ but there’s more to the story

We wish that we had a clear explanation for law enforcement’s tragically slow response to a gunman threatening and then murdering 19 children and two teachers in their elementary school in Uvalde. That, however, requires a greater commitment to transparency.

For weeks now, we’ve heard the Texas Department of Public Safety, Uvalde city officials and Uvalde school district police Chief Pete Arredondo tell different versions of events, which doesn’t give us much faith that they’re on a common path toward the truth. Media requests have been slow-walked on grounds that public disclosure could interfere with investigations by the federal government, the Texas Rangers and a closed-door legislative committee.

With competing narratives abounding, more transparency, not less, is essential. Rightly frustrated, state Sen. Roland Gutierrez, a Democrat from San Antonio whose district includes Uvalde, last week filed a lawsuit accusing the Texas Department of Public Safety of ignoring his inquiries and covering up details about the police response.

The bunker mentality among those who had roles in the response is part of the problem.

At a legislative public hearing on school security and safety, DPS Director Steven McCraw walked through the department’s timeline of events and called the slow response of local police “an abject failure” that violated nationally accepted protocols of active shooter training.

Immediately, Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin accused state authorities of scapegoating local law enforcement and cherry-picking information to obscure DPS’ role in the standoff. “McCraw has continued to, whether you want to call it, lie, leak ... mislead or misstate information in order to distance his own troopers and rangers from the response,” McLaughlin said at a special City Council meeting. More transparency is needed from DPS, but McLaughlin also needs to come forward if he knows something that DPS isn’t disclosing.

Other troubling inconsistencies must be resolved, too. According to Arredondo, classroom doors were locked and he couldn’t get in. However, McCraw says the doors were

unlocked and no keys were needed. Arredondo also says he did not consider himself to be the incident commander at the scene. Other evidence from McCraw seems to indicate that Arredondo was acting in that role during critical moments.

The families of the victims and every Texan deserve better from law enforcement agencies and politicians whose prime responsibility is to serve the public interest, not their own. The common public interest must be to determine how and why so many died when faster action in line with nationally accepted active shooter protocols would have saved lives.

Police officers were inside the elementary school and outside the classroom within minutes of the shooter’s entry, but more than a hour elapsed before an assault team waiting in the hallway with ballistic shields, body armor and rifles entered the classroom and resolved the incident.

At least that’s the story as it stands now. However, it is probably just the first chapter and far from the complete story.

This editorial was first published in the Dallas Morning News.



The crack in our Liberty Bell

By MARK FRANKE

Those of my age remember how we waited impatiently each week for “The Wonderful World of Disney.” Each episode included a short film series featuring one of America’s historical heroes. Children were allowed to have American heroes back then.

Daniel Boone, the Swamp Fox Francis Marion, Texas John Slaughter, Davy Crockett – what a lineup for a young boy who was rapidly developing a love for history.

Each series had its own theme song. Davy Crockett, the King of the Wild Frontier, was memorialized for his historical and apocryphal deeds of daring. I still remember the line about how he “patched up the crack in the Liberty Bell.” I didn’t know it had a crack but found that factoid interesting at the time. Little did I realize then that the bell would have a more personal meaning for me later in life.

I can assure you that the bell does have a crack in it. I saw it during a family visit to Philadelphia. Tourists must queue up and then move at a snappy pace by it in order to keep the line moving. This is the famous bell from the Founding Fathers era that served until the 1876 Centennial when it was replaced by a new, larger bell cast by the Meneely Bell Company of Troy, New York.

Why is that replacement bell important? My wife is a Meneely from Terre Haute, a branch of the family which moved westward until settling in Ohio and Indiana. In addition to the Vigo County clan, Meneelys settled near Frankfort in Clinton County and around Brazil in Clay County.

The Clinton County connection is intriguing in that multiple sons in the family

were baptized with a middle name of Clinton. Coincidence, of course, but of such is history made. The family located at what was then Meneely Station, subsequently renamed Avery Station. I have never met any of the Clinton County family nor has my wife. And I would like to know why the Averys trumped the Meneelys in naming rights.

Descended myself from several large German Lutheran farm families in Allen County, I never thought of my wife’s family as large but they are well known in Terre Haute. Her father and uncles were good athletes back when high school basketball was king. Whenever I would make the rounds with my father-in-law, everyone knew him. I guess he was the Norm Peterson of Terre Haute.

My wife’s ancestor John Clinton Meneely was a brother to Andrew Meneely who apprenticed at the first bell foundry on the continent, then founded the Troy Bell Foundry and eventually started the company which bears the family name. Her cousin Nick has been doing the research on this but has yet to certify all the connections. No matter. There is a connection, certainly, and with that comes bragging rights.

The original bell was patched several times but unsuccessfully. That’s why a replacement was ordered from the Meneely Bell Company. While it hardly qualifies my wife for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, it is a source of pride for her ... and for me as a Meneely in-law.

So what happened to the Meneely Bell Company in Troy? It folded in 1951, the year I was born. (Another historical coincidence? Let’s hope so.) In its heyday it

furnished bells for churches, public buildings and university chapels. The bell at West Point is a Meneely bell, something my wife pointed out when we visited that academy, as is the original bell for Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne where our children were baptized.

The replacement Meneely bell still hangs in Independence Hall, a short walk from the shrine exhibiting its predecessor with its impressive crack. Family connection or not, visiting both sites is a rewarding, near-spiritual event. It reaches pilgrimage status for those of us who stand in awe of the great things done by the greatest American generation. This is not 1619 Project territory; rather it is a reminder that we are proud possessors of a priceless heritage if I may steal a phrase from the preamble to the constitution of the Sons of the American Legion.

I feel sorry for those who see America as the greatest evil ever inflicted on our planet. Theirs must be a miserable existence, living in a self-created world of guilt. No wonder they blame everyone else; it excuses their own culpability. Transference, I think, is the psychological term for that but then I got a D in my undergraduate psych course.

I stand with Sir Walter Scott who said it best in his poem “The Lay of the Last Minstrel”: “Breathes there the man, with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land!”

I can only add: Happy birthday, America.

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LETTERS

The leaking talent pipeline should be Indiana’s top priority

Two of the most significant challenges facing Indiana are improving the educational outcomes for all K through 12 students and greatly elevating the postsecondary attainment levels of our adult workforce.

Currently, Indiana is behind its competitor states in the race to develop and establish a well-skilled, well-educated workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow. There are twice as many job openings in Indiana as there are job-seekers. And our workforce participation rate remains below pre-pandemic levels.

Let’s look at the breakdown. Our overall unemployment rate is now 2.2 percent, but that jumps to 4.6 percent for those with only a high school diploma and over 7 percent for those with less than a high school diploma.

When it comes to workforce participation, the numbers are even more concerning. Just a little more than half of all Hoosiers with only a high school diploma are employed. Of those with no high school diploma, over 60 percent are not in the workforce.

These metrics show Indiana has a massively leaking talent pipeline.

We must concentrate our policy focus and state resources on improving the outcomes and skills of those at the bottom end of the educational attainment scale. That’s one of the very best ways to improve our overall workforce participation rate and fill the open jobs we have.

The Indiana Chamber is seeking to frame this important conversation and push for transformative actions that will have the most impact. This summer our organization is building out a workforce policy priority list for the General Assembly and Governor, and we will share them publicly when available.

Bold action is what’s needed to repair our leaking talent pipeline and lift the educational attainment and workforce skills of our citizens.

Kevin Brinegar
President and CEO
Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Overturing Roe will have far-reaching consequences

BY MARTHA LAMKIN and ELCIRA VILLARREAL

At this point, it seems inevitable that Indiana will be placing more restrictions on the lives of women to control their bodily autonomy. It also seems obvious to many Hoosiers that this is a bad idea, with repercussions that go well beyond a single court decision.

During a special session of the Indiana General Assembly, Indiana’s state senators and representatives will cast their votes. And that will be it: more restrictions will be placed on women’s bodily autonomy.

Overturing the 50-year precedent set by Roe v. Wade that allows a woman to make the serious decision of childbearing in private consultation with her physician will have serious implications for women and their families. Here are just three examples.

Economic stability. Simply put, overturning Roe v. Wade will affect women in all circumstances of life. It will affect women of lower economic means disproportionately. Hoosier women with economic means will be able to travel out of state for legal abortions. Without that option, some Hoosiers might resort to dangerous measures to terminate a pregnancy or carry the baby to term and be forced to rely on unstable welfare safety nets.

Bodily autonomy. It’s horrifying to think that a pregnant woman sitting with her healthcare provider will not have the freedom to rule her own body. And it’s frightening to know that, in essence, elected officials have made healthcare decisions for her without any knowledge of her health and her life situation.

A slippery slope. Gutting the fundamental ground on which Roe was based – the idea of privacy – allows other landmark cases to come up for grabs. Specifically, it could open the door to overturning cases that affect Americans’ ability to make their own decisions about birth control and contraceptives, same-sex marriage, and fertility treatments, including in-vitro fertilization (IVF).

As inevitable as this decision might seem, we are not content to stand by and watch the dominoes fall, and you shouldn’t be, either. We must make our voices heard, letting our elected officials know that we not only oppose an abortion ban in Indiana but also insist that they take action to protect women and families from the ripple effects that ban would have.

The bottom line, let them know that, together, we stand by women’s freedom to make decisions about their healthcare and families. We stand by life, liberty, and Roe.

Sign up to be a Women4Change Action Advocate at <https://tinyurl.com/2p87z75c> and learn about ways you can join the effort to make our voices heard by those who represent us.

Martha Lamkin and Elcira Villarreal are the co-chairs of the Women4Change Indiana Board of Directors.

HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, July 6, the 187th day of 2022. There are 178 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:
On July 6, 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut.

On this date:
In 1942, Anne Frank, her parents and sister entered a “secret annex” in an Amsterdam building where they were later joined by four other people; they hid from Nazi occupiers for two years before being discovered and arrested.

Today’s Birthdays: Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 76. Rapper 50 Cent is 47. Actors Tia and Tamera Mowry are 44. Comedian-actor Kevin Hart is 43.

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(City Common Council)
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the library district known as Wabash Carnegie Public Library (the "Library") that the Wabash Common Council of the City of Wabash, Indiana (the "Council") will meet at Council Chambers of the City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) on July 11, 2022, to consider the following additional appropriation of the bonds which the Board has determined to issue:
An appropriation in the maximum principal amount of \$2,415,535, plus investment earnings thereon, on account of the renovation of and improvements to library facilities, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology, including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the project and the issuance of bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of bonds by the Library.
The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present building to provide necessary Library facilities in the Library district. Taxpayers of the Library district appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to said additional appropriation.
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Justin Nelson led the team with an ERA of 2.92.

Northfield baseball program puts opponents on notice

The Norse finished the season by winning seven of their final eight contests

By CLAY MAXFIELD

Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

If Northfield's varsity baseball team's 2022 season was an inclination of things to come, the remainder of the Three Rivers Conference (TRC) should stay mindful of the Norse next year.

With a roster full of sophomores and juniors, Northfield used their 2022 season to lay the foundation for future success.

Northfield stumbled out of the gate, losing their first five games in a row before slowly beginning to right the ship with three victories in their next five outings.

The Norse finished the season by winning seven of their final eight contests including back-to-back wins

over Wabash and a 9-1 victory over Whitko.

Dillon Tomlinson and Eli Kroh led the Norse in batting percentages with .444 and .419 respectively while four other players in the lineup batted .333 or better on the season.

The top five batters from this season will return next year for what the Norse hopes to be a year in which they build on their team batting average of .311 while improving on their 2022 TRC record of fourth place.

Jaden Truman and Jacob Snyder are the lone seniors for the Norse this season while seven juniors return next season for their final campaign with Northfield.

While Northfield showed opponents that there was plenty on their roster that provided firepower in the batter's box, there was arguably no greater strength than their pitching prowess as the team pitched a 4.19 earned run average (ERA) on the year.

Tomlinson and Justin Nelson led the

team with ERAs of 2.45 and 2.92 while Truman tallied a 3.05 ERA as well.

Tomlinson led the team with 64 strikeouts on the year and a five and one record on 54 innings pitched.

Despite the success on the mound throughout the season, Northfield came up short in the first round of their sectional tournament when they faced Southwood and suffered a close defeat with a final of 10-9.

A single to center in the fifth inning by Southwood gave the Knights a three-run lead as Northfield prepared a comeback in the top of the seventh starting with a grounder by Snyder followed by a hit from Bryce Smith.

Southwood followed up Northfield's two scores with back-to-back outs to give the Norse an early postseason exit.

Northfield finished the season with a final record of 11-12.

Clay Maxfield, Wabash Plain Dealer freelance reporter, may be reached by email at sports@wabashplainedealer.com.

Two sets down, Novak Djokovic wins his 26th consecutive Wimbledon match

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — It says a lot about Novak Djokovic that a two-sets-to-none hole at Wimbledon on a day he was hardly at his best never seemed insurmountable. Not to him. Not to anyone watching.

Says a lot about his history of overcoming that sort of deficit. A lot about his ability to adjust, to adapt and to right himself. A lot about his preeminence at the All England Club in recent years.

Djokovic spotted 10th-seeded Jannik Sinner of Italy the huge lead Tuesday, then worked his way back to win 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at Centre Court, earning an 11th semifinal berth at Wimbledon with his 26th consecutive victory at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

"I always believed," said Djokovic, who faces ninth-seeded Cam Norrie of Britain next, "that I could turn the match around."

Among men, only Roger Federer has made more semifinal appearances at Wimbledon with 13 and won more championships (eight) than the seven Djokovic could reach by lifting the trophy Sunday for what would be a fourth year in a row.

"He makes you play differently — well, not differently, but in a way that

he likes," Sinner said.

Djokovic was responsible for just one of Wednesday's comebacks: In all four singles quarterfinals on a sunny day, the player who dropped the first set ended up victorious. Norrie edged David Goffin of Belgium 3-6, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5; No. 3 Ons Jabeur of Tunisia beat Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic 3-6, 6-1, 6-1; Tatjana Maria defeated Jule Niemeier 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 in an all-German matchup.

Norrie, Jabeur and Maria all earned the right to make their debuts in a Grand Slam semifinal.

"Can't enjoy it too much now," said Norrie, 26, who was born in South Africa to British parents, grew up in New Zealand and played college tennis at Texas Christian University. "Just get ready for Novak in a couple days."

The 103rd-ranked Maria is, at 34, the oldest first-time women's semifinalist at a major and only the sixth woman at least that old to get this far at Wimbledon in the professional era, which began in 1968. The others? Quite a list: Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert, Serena Williams and Venus Williams.

"I always believed that I have something inside," said Maria, who only once before reached as far as the third round. "That I can do this."

Djokovic, a 35-year-old from Serbia,

managed his seventh career comeback in a match in which he trailed by two sets — he last did it in the 2021 French Open final against Stefanos Tsitsipas — and improved to 37-10 in five-setters. That includes a 10-1 mark in matches that go the distance at Wimbledon, including nine straight victories; the lone loss came in 2006.

"He's been in this situation many times," the 20-year-old Sinner said. "That definitely helps."

Tuesday's match brought Sinner's major quarterfinal appearance total to three, which is exactly 50 fewer than Djokovic's.

Sinner has shown enormous potential, reaching the quarterfinals at the 2020 French Open before losing to Rafael Nadal and the 2022 Australian Open before losing to Tsitsipas. As for grass? Sinner was 0-4 until last week. But he got win No. 1 at Wimbledon by eliminating three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka and then beat a pair of seeded foes: No. 20 John Isner and No. 5 Carlos Alcaraz.

With his wide wingspan, and a Djokovic-style ability to slide into strokes, the 6-foot-2 Sinner gets to balls that appear out of reach and is able to reply with considerable power. That allows him to lengthen exchanges and make even a consummate baseliner like Djokovic put in extra work to earn a point.

I just don't think it's fair to anybody. I'll be back when I'm ready to go."

Harper was injured last month when he was hit by a 97 mph pitch from San Diego Padres left-hander Blake Snell. Harper had pins inserted last week and will need them in the thumb for at least another three weeks. He is in a cast and unable to

he return to the lineup as the feared designated hitter in the middle of the order that led the team on a summer surge and put Philadelphia in the thick of a real pennant race.

"I don't want to give anybody a timetable because I don't know," Harper said. "If I knew a specific date that I'd be back, I'd tell you.

WNBA

Surging Sparks on roll behind play of Ogwumike, Cambage

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The Los Angeles Sparks have been on roll lately, battling their way to just below .500 after a slow start to the season.

Los Angeles (10-11) has won four of its past five games and a big reason why is the play of All-Star Nneka Ogwumike and free agent signee Liz Cambage.

"I'm happy we're on a little streak and hope to keep it rolling in July," Cambage said.

The 6-foot-8 Australian struggled for most of June but is playing much better during the Sparks' recent run. She has scored in double figures the past four games — something she hadn't done once since May 31.

During their current winning stretch, the Sparks earned the 500th win in franchise history. The most by any WNBA organization.

The Sparks have also had time over the last few weeks to adjust to interim coach Fred Williams, who took over for Derek Fisher when he was let go on June 7.

"Each game is a step in the right direction," Ogwumike said, adding that the coaching changes have helped the team and players find their identity individually and collectively. "The coaching staff lets us understand what we're great at."

It also has helped that the Sparks have been able to play many of their games at home lately after starting the season with nine of 12 on the road.

"Looking at May, you just got to get to July," Cambage said. "I was like if we could survive May it would be cool. ...I'm proud for us staying together. That first month could have seen teams go the other way."

Cambage is proving to be a solid complement to Ogwumike, who is having another stellar season. She's averaging 18.8 points — tied for second most in her career.

The Sparks moved up three spots to No. 6 in the AP WNBA power poll this week.

Power poll

This week's WNBA poll:

1. Chicago (15-5): The Sky have won five straight and eight of nine and are the top team in the league right now with so many offensive options.

2. Las Vegas (15-6): The Aces have dropped four of six after starting the season 13-2. They need to get more consistent play off the bench to help give their starters some rest. Las Vegas' reserves are averaging about 11 points a game.

3. Connecticut (14-7): The Sun are looking to get off to better starts after being outscored 58-35 in the first quarter in their last two games.

4. Seattle (13-8): Newly signed post Tina Charles got off to a slow start averaging 5 points and 5 rebounds in her first three games with the Storm.

5. Washington (13-10): The Mystics have gone 3-4 in their past seven games and are winless in the three games that Elena Delle Donne sat out to rest her back during that stretch.

6. Los Angeles (10-11): Lexie Brown has provided stability in the backcourt for the Sparks this season and is averaging a career-best 7.6 points a game.

7. Atlanta (10-11): The Dream are getting healthy and had wins over New York and Seattle last week. Tiffany Hayes played for the first time this season after recovering from a knee injury for the first two months of the season.

8. Minnesota (7-15): The Lynx have been playing better lately and their depth has been a reason why. Five different players have led Minnesota in scoring in the Lynx's past six games. The Lynx are 4-2 in that stretch.

9. Phoenix (9-14): Skylar Diggins-Smith has had an All-Star season averaging 19.1 points, but the Mercury have had little consistency on offense besides her.

10. New York (8-12): After a solid June, the Liberty have struggled dropping two in a row. New York has two more road games (at Las Vegas and at Phoenix) before the All-Star break.

11. Dallas (9-12): The Wings have struggled with four losses in their last five games; their lone victory was vs. last-place Indiana.

12. Indiana (5-17): The Fever are getting valuable experience for their rookies and Queen Egbo and NaLyssa Smith have shown flashes of excellence.

Player of the week

Ogwumike of Los Angeles was voted the AP Player of the Week. She averaged 21.7 points, 6 rebounds and 2.3 assists to help the Sparks go 3-0. Candace Parker of Chicago, Diggins-Smith of Phoenix and Aerial Powers of Minnesota also received votes.

Griner update

Brittney Griner's trial in Russia began last week and on Monday she sent a letter to President Joe Biden asking him not to "forget about me and the other American Detainees." The trial will resume Thursday.

Making a comeback

Three-time All-Star 3-point champion Allie Quigley left the door open to potentially returning to defend her title in Chicago this weekend.

"I don't think so, but never say never," she recently told The AP. "We'll see. Chicago definitely makes you think a little bit more about it. I haven't been asked yet."

Quigley said last year after she won in Las Vegas that she wasn't going to compete in the contest anymore.

Game of the week:

Team Stewart vs Team Wilson, Sunday. It will be the last All-Star Game for Sue Bird and Sylvia Fowles when the league plays its midseason showcase in Chicago.

Philadelphia's Harper vows to play this year, but no date for return

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— Bryce Harper has three pins in his left thumb, a cast on his left hand and an unyielding belief that he will return from injury this season to try and lead the Phillies to their first playoff appearance in 11 years.

"I'll be back," Harper said.

With those three words, Harper injected genuine expectations in the franchise and the fan base that the reigning NL MVP will play again at some point this season — and with a hope the Phillies are still in the wild-card hunt when he returns.

Harper declined to put a timetable on when he could

he return to the lineup as the feared designated hitter in the middle of the order that led the team on a summer surge and put Philadelphia in the thick of a real pennant race.

"I don't want to give anybody a timetable because I don't know," Harper said. "If I knew a specific date that I'd be back, I'd tell you.

throw or do much of a workout.

"I don't want to hope or think about anything," Harper said. "I just want to go day by day and be back when I can, whenever I feel healthy, whenever that is to help this team win. Granted, if we're out of it, I'm going to come back and play no matter what, just so I know that I

can go out there and play the game. I don't want that to be my last day playing this year. No matter what the outcome, I'm going to come back and I'll be playing."

The 29-year-old Harper, who signed a \$330 million, 13-year deal with the Phillies in 2019, is hitting .318 with 15 home runs and 48 RBIs.